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SUBJECT: DEPARTMENT SEMINAR ON EMERGENCY MEDICAL DIETARY
ASSISTANCE FOR AMCITS IMPRISONED ABROAD

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1. SINCE EMDAP IS A NEW PROGRAM WITH WHICH EMBASSY CONSULAR STAFF DOES NOT HAVE PREVIOUS EXPERIENCE, EMBASSY WISHES TO NOMINATE THOMAS F. MURPHY, FSO-5, WHO IS PRESENTLY IN SPANISH LANGUAGE PROGRAM AT FSI AND IS DUE TO ARRIVE AT POST IN EARLY SEPTEMBER, TO ATTEND AUGUST 16-18 SEMINAR.

2. WE BELIEVE ATTENDANCE BY CONSUL MURPHY WOULD BE MORE USEFUL THAN SENDING AN OFFICER FROM HERE, PARTICULARLY IN VIEW OF EXTRA DEMANDS PLACED ON STAFF BY CURRENT U.S. PRISONER PROBLEMS.

3. ON THE BASIS OF EMBASSY'S EXPERIENCE HERE DURING PAST YEAR WITH U.S. PRISONERS ON NARCOTICS CHARGES, WE HAVE FOUND THAT MOST USUAL, AND PROBABLY MOST BENEFICIAL, NEEDS ARE THOSE ON THE SIDE OF PREVENTIVE MEDICINE. IN OUR EXPERIENCE THE AVAILABILITY OF PERIODIC MEDICAL CHECKUPS AND DENTAL CARE WHEN REQUIRED ARE THOSE FOR WHICH WE HAVE EXPERIENCED MOST PRESSURE FROM THE PRISONERS THEMSELVES, PARENTS, AND FROM CONGRESS.

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4. EMBASSY ALSO SUGGESTS THAT, DEPENDING UPON GEOGRAPHIC AREA AND CLIMATE CONDITIONS, INNOCULATIONS SHOULD BE GIVEN MAJOR CONSIDERATION, E.G., WE HAVE HAD AT LEAST TWO CASES OF HEPATITIS AMONG PRISONERS, THE RISK IS HIGH IN BOLIVIA AND WE BELIEVE OFFERING GAMMA GLOBULIN WOULD BE AN IMPORTANT PART OF ANY PROPOSED MEDICAL PROGRAM. WE WOULD ALSO

RECOMMEND TETANUS SHOTS AND SUGGEST THAT VITAMINS BE
CONSIDERED AMONG DIETARY SUPPLEMENTS.

5. WOULD APPRECIATE DEPT INFORMING CONSUL MURPHY OF ABOVE
SUGGESTIONS BEFORE HE ATTENDS SEMINAR.

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